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TO: ALL CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS IN IDAHO

FROM: DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief
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SUBJECT: **REVISED SURVEY PROTOCOLS, REGULATIONS AND
INTERPRETIVE GUIDELINES FOR CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS
(CAHS) AND SWING-BEDS IN CAHS**

The purpose of this letter is to notify Critical Access Hospitals that the survey protocols, regulations, and interpretive guidelines for CAHs and Swing-beds have been revised by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as of May 21, 2004.

A copy of the revised protocols, regulations, and interpretive guidelines are included.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Creswell, Supervisor of Non Long Term Care at 208/334-6626.

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Enclosure
cc: Idaho Hospital Association